SimplyE

E-Read Texas:
TSLAC, Biblionix, DPLA & Amigos

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E-Read Texas!

TSLAC Director's Blog

THE DIRECTOR
with

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E-Read Texas – TSLAC E-book project

E-Read TEXAS

I am excited to announce the launch of E-Read Texas, a new statewide initiative to bring E-books to Texans through libraries, starting with small community libraries in all parts of the state.

The E-Read Texas program will provide e-book content via an easy-to-use platform that will allow readers to simultaneously see TSLAC content alongside any provided by their local libraries.

TSLAC has signed an agreement with Amigos Library Services to implement SimplyE, an open source e-book application, in small community libraries across the state, starting with those using the Biblionix Apollo integrated library system. In July and August, Amigos will work with those libraries to make the application available to their customers. In September, TSLAC will make e-books available to libraries and readers across Texas. Any library that has enabled the SimplyE application will be able to easily offer E-Read Texas content alongside whatever e-books DPLA currently offering through other providers.
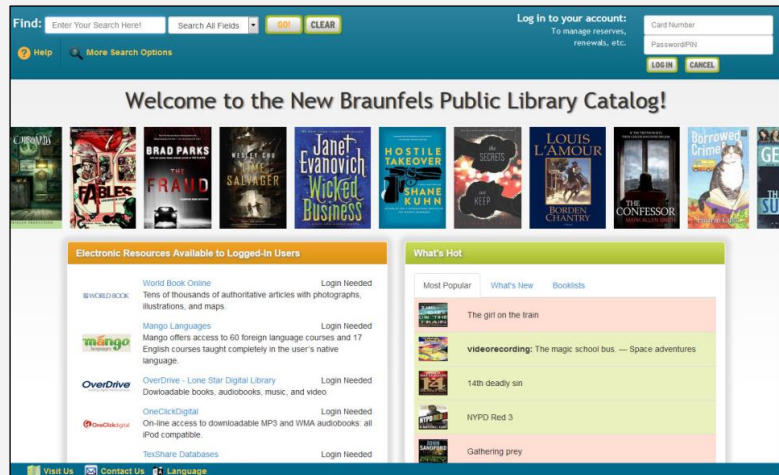
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Who?

You!

- Accredited public libraries
- Apollo Biblionix
- Texas

What?

What . . .

- Does it cost?
- Is this project?
- Is SimplyE?
- If I don't have ebooks?
- If I do have ebooks?
- If I have audiobooks?
- Do I need to do to be involved?
- If I want to start now?
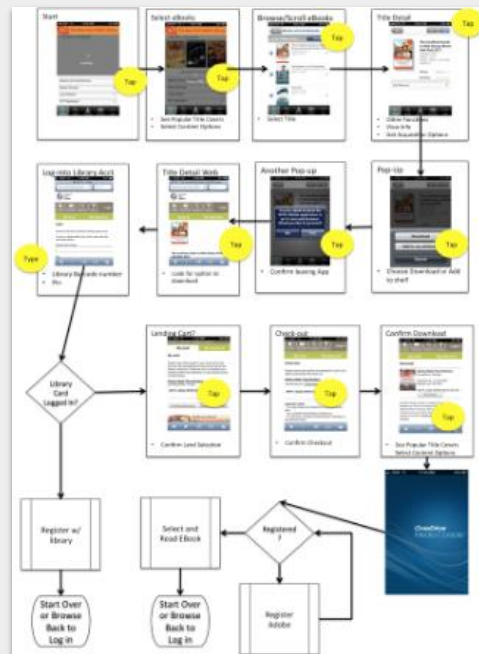- Happens at the end of this next biennium?

E-Read Texas

- TSLAC will create a statewide collection of ebooks
- Ebooks will be available using the SimplyE app
- Libraries work with Amigos for set-up
- Patrons can read TSLAC-provided ebooks alongside their own ebooks
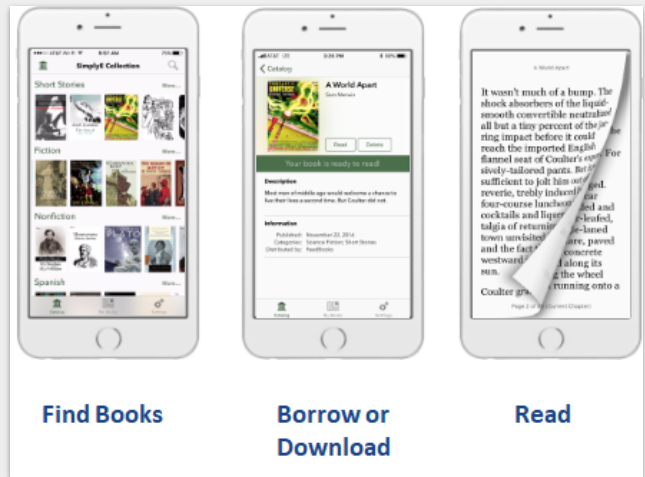
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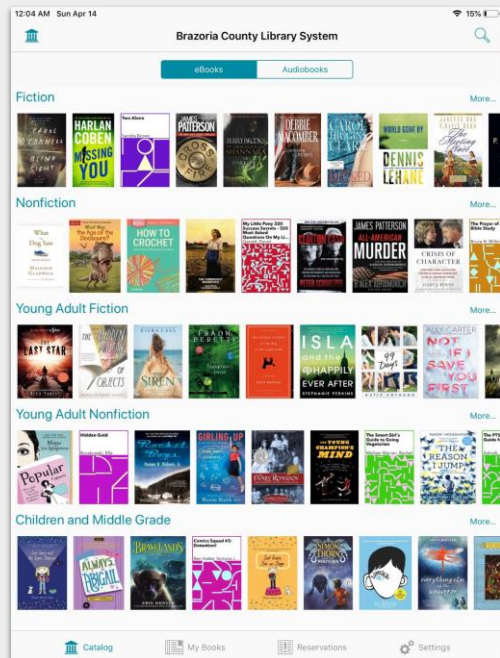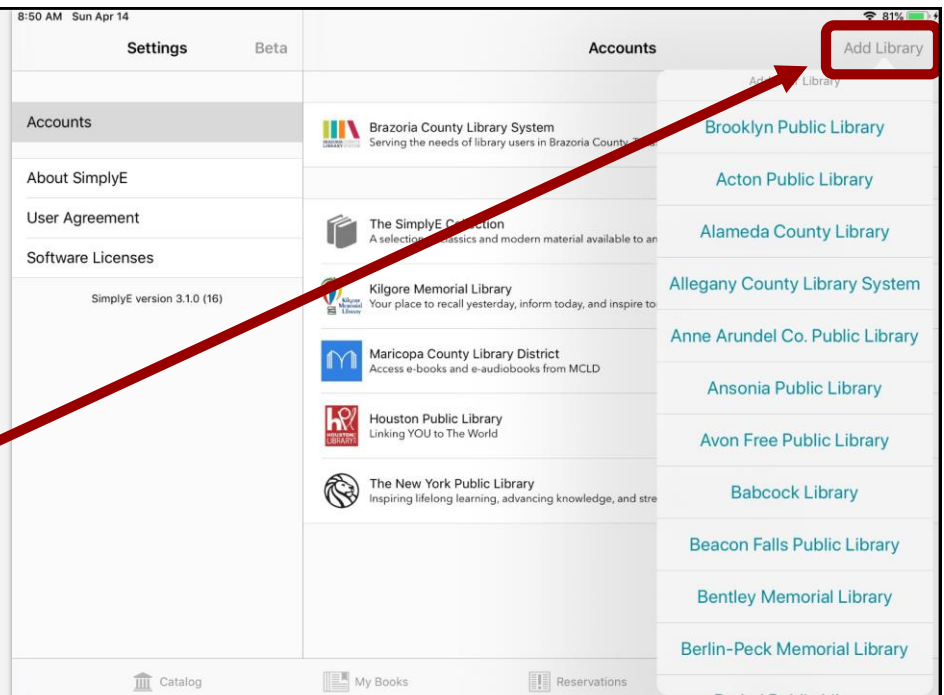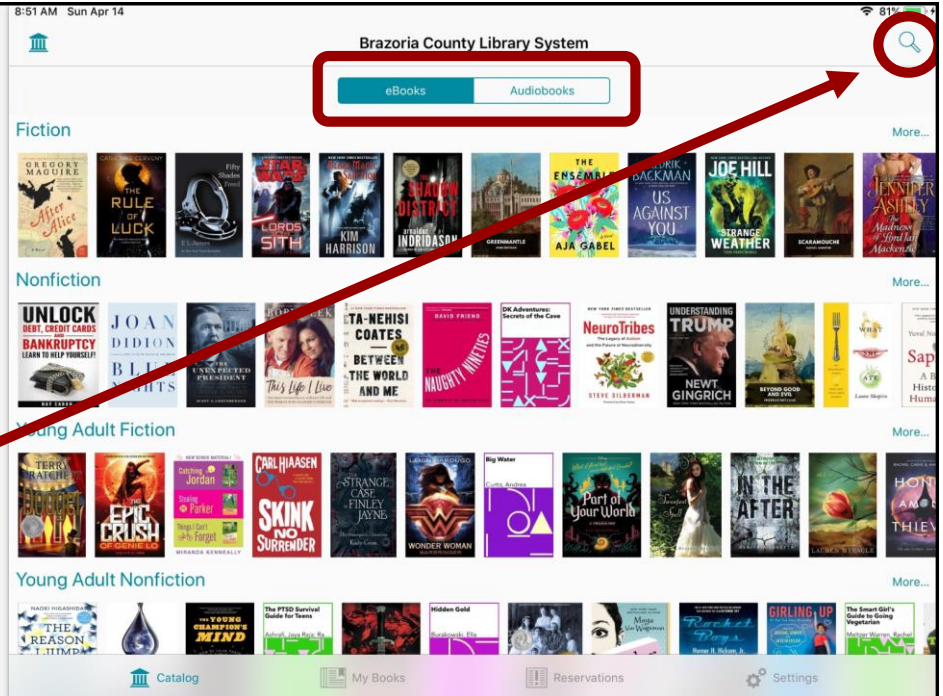
SimplyE Takes This

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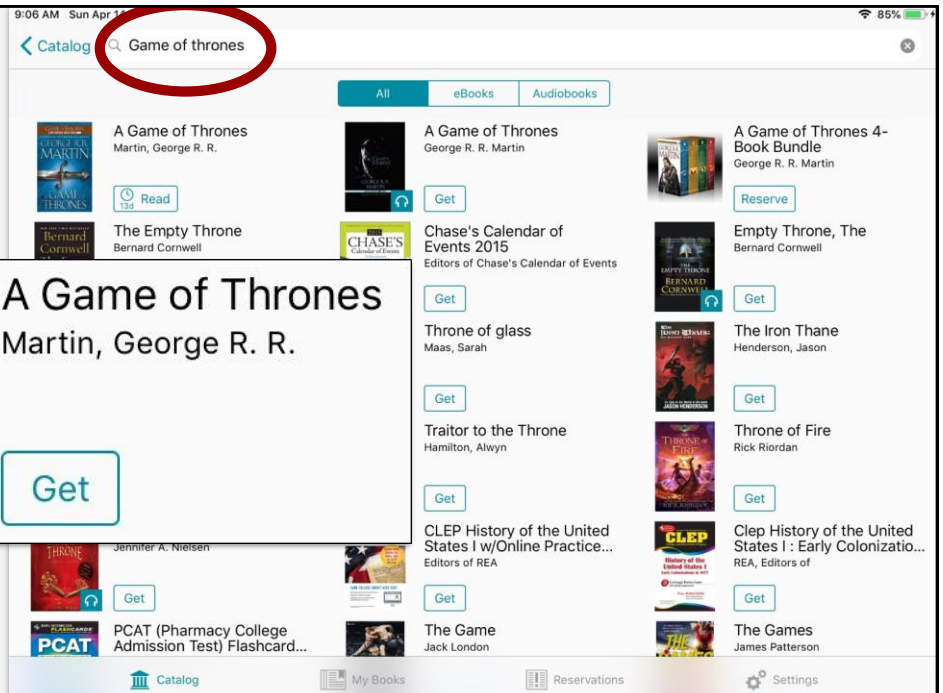**Find Books**

Borrow or Download

Read

SimplyE Demo

Choose Library

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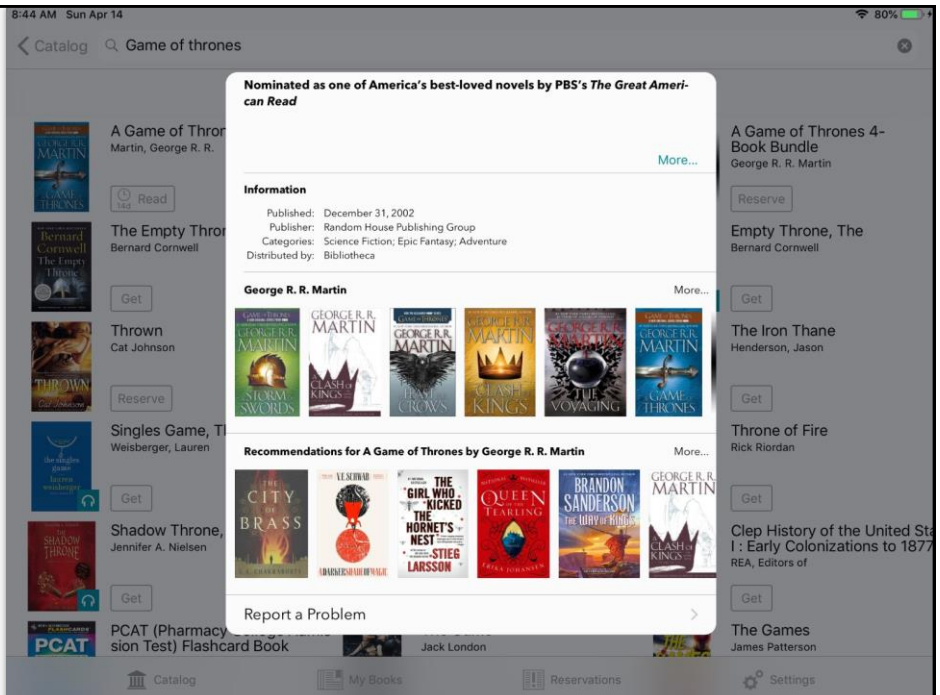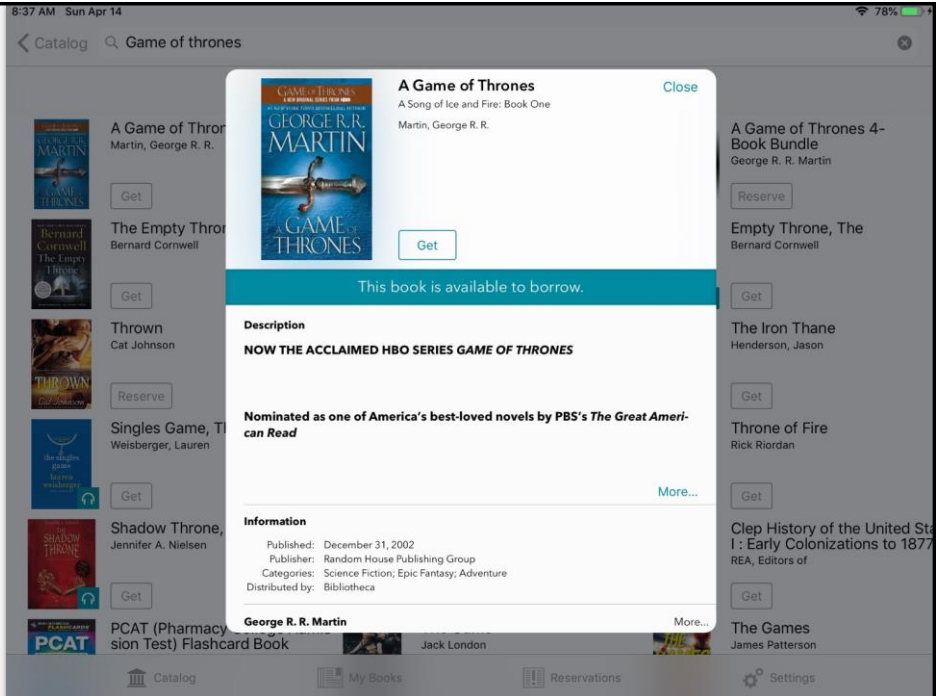
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‹ My Books

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Harden, Marcia Gay

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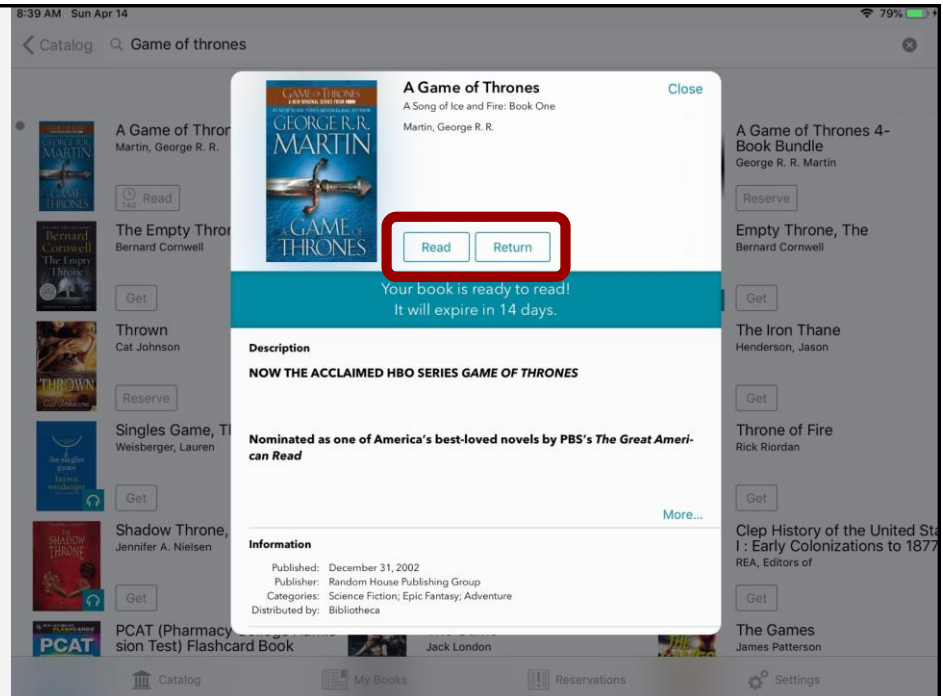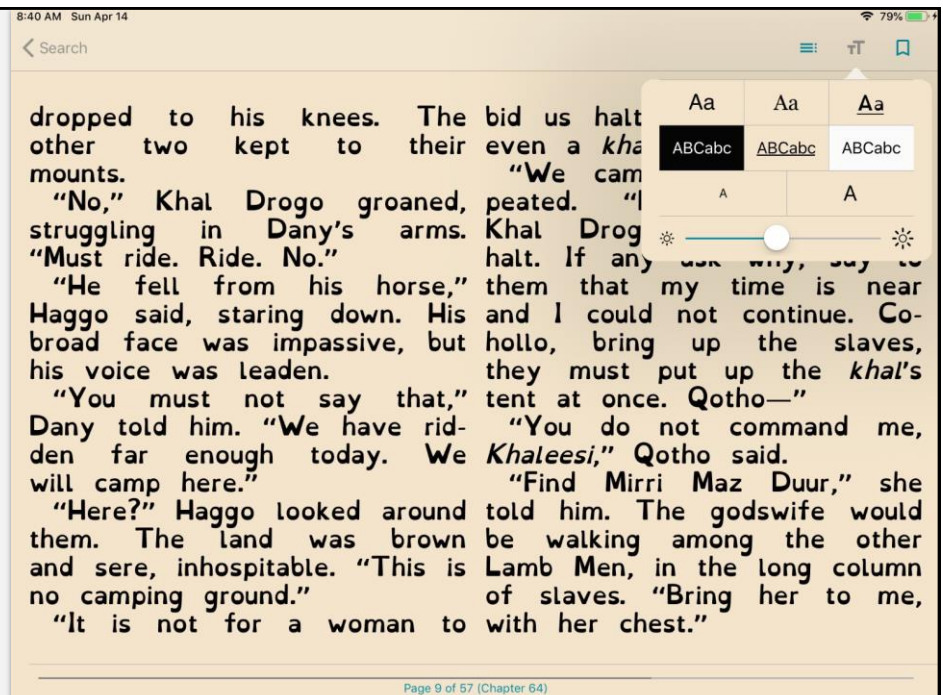
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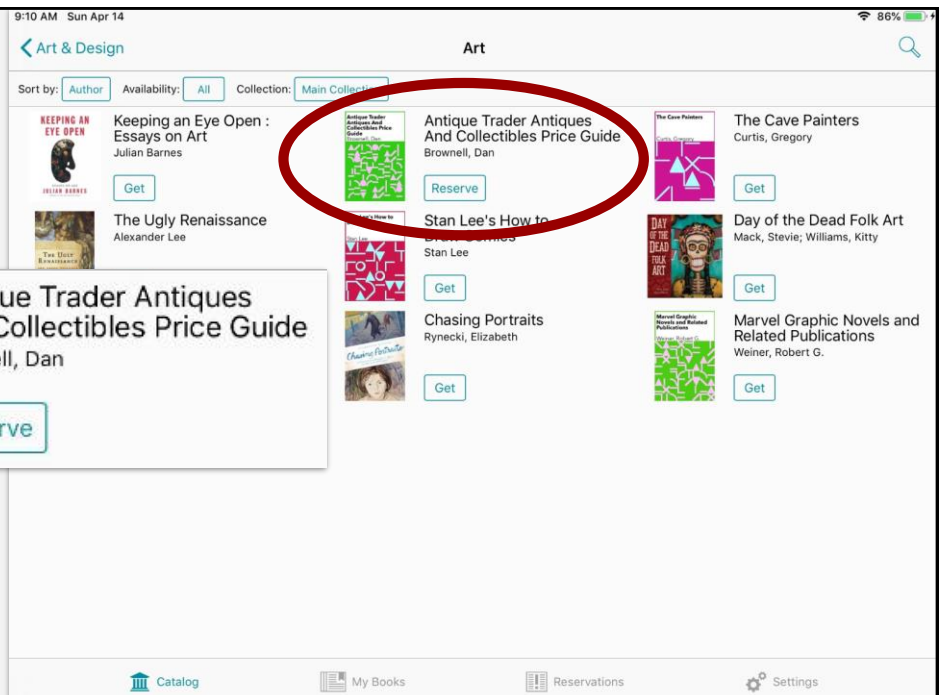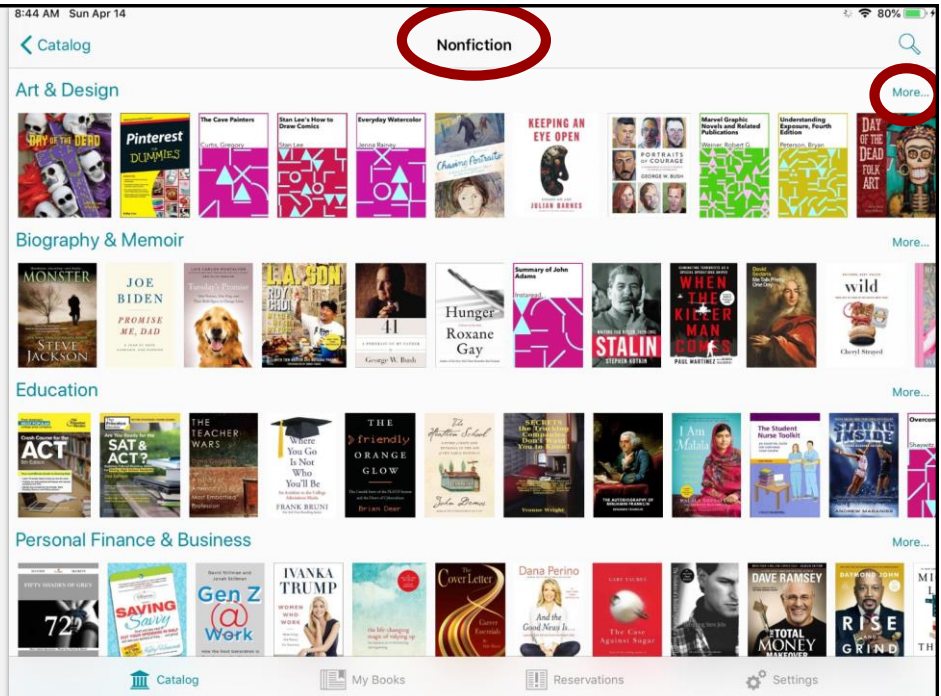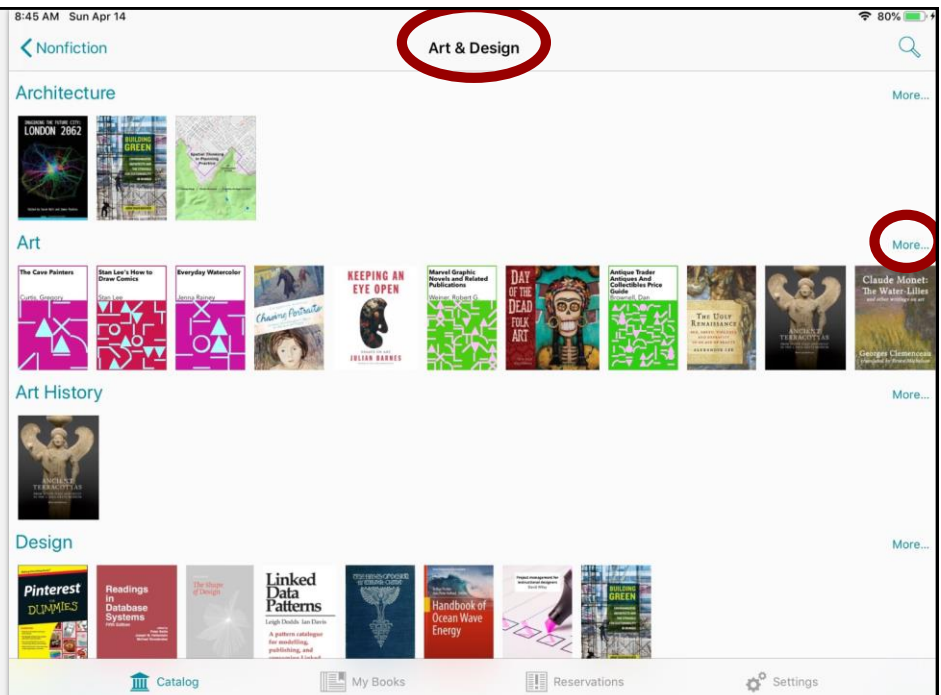
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Antique Trader Antiques
And Collectibles Price Guide
Brownell, Dan
Reserve

The Cave Painters
Curtis, Gregory
Get

The Ugly Renaissance
Alexander Lee

Stan Lee's How to
Stan Lee
Get

Day of the Dead Folk Art
Mack, Stevie; Williams, Kitty
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Antique Trader
Antiques And
Collectibles Price
Guide
Brownell, Dan

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And Collectibles Price Guide
Brownell, Dan
Reserve

Chasing Portraits
Rynecki, Elizabeth
Get

Marvel Graphic Novels and
Related Publications
Weiner, Robert G.
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Drilling Down

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Open eBooks

My Books

Brazoria County Library System

Sort By: Author   Show: All

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Harden, Marcia Gay

Listen

A Game of Thrones
Martin, George R. R.

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Man's Search for Meaning
Viktor E. Frankl

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WAITING FOR AVAILABILITY

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Need to Know to Get It Tog...
Arden Rose

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Settings

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Where?

Where . . .

- Do my ebooks live?
- Are my statistics?
- Do I get help?
- Is the money coming from?

When?

When . . .

- Can we start?
- Does it end?
- Do you need information from me?

Why?

Why . . .

- Now?
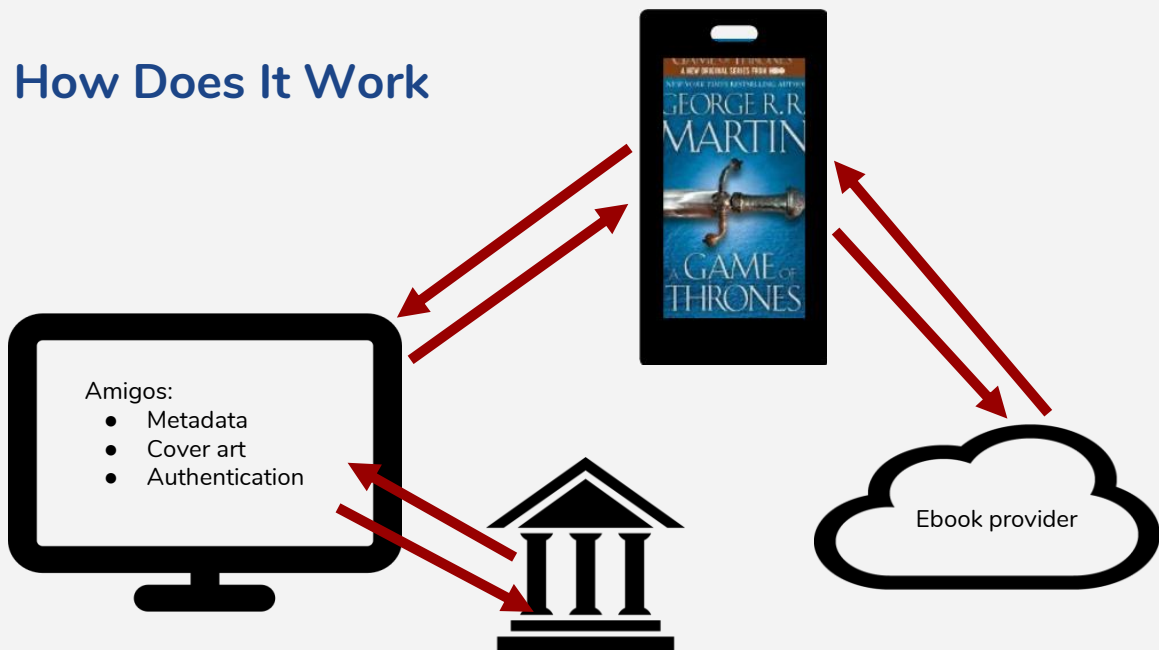- Why did it take so long?
- Why SimplyE?

How?

How . . .

- Will it work?
- Does SimplyE work?
- Will patrons get help?
- Will my staff and I get help?
- Will I know when the app is updated?

How Will It Work?

- Annual Assembly meeting & webinar to gauge interest
- Library staff download SimplyE app and play with SimplyE Collection
- Signed agreement between Amigos and library
- Complete & submit form with basic library information for Amigos
- Amigos contacts (most) ebook vendors for set up
- Library tests app; works with Amigos
- Library publicizes app to patrons regularly over next 2 years
- TSLAC, Amigos and libraries communicate throughout

How Does It Work

Amigos:
- Metadata
- Cover art
- Authentication

Ebook provider

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Houston Public Library
Brazoria County Library System

Simply E

Read Now. Read Everywhere.

Patrons who love eBooks and digital audiobooks, but were frustrated by having to use separate apps for each provid-er can now simplify their digital experience using the new open-source app SimplyE. This app was developed by the

Explore 300,000+ Free E-Books

Borrow Instantly

Read Anywhere, Anytime

New York Public Library and is now available to BCLS card-holders.

SimplyE provides library patrons access to the digital content provided to BCLS by Cloud Library, RBDigital and Odillo, as well as a free public domain SimplyE collection.

Patrons download the app, find the library, enter their library card number and PIN. After the app is set up, they can read or listen to content with only three taps: search for a title, download it, and then read or listen!

The digital experience has never been easier!

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BRAZORIA COUNTY **LIBRARY** SYSTEM

ACCESS A WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE

THE GREAT COURSES

Life-Long Learning!

Titles from the Great Courses, a series of college-level audio and video courses produced by the Teaching Company, are now available from two sources with your library card.

The Great Courses offer more than 600 courses ranging in length from six to over ninety lectures in the following subject categories: business, economics, fine arts, music, ancient and medieval history, modern history, literature and English language, philosophy, religion, science, mathematics, social sciences, profes-sional development and better living (health, wellness, food, photography, etc.).

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SimplyE
The Library E-Reader App

LIBRARY EBOOKS MADE SIMPLE

Now available from the app stores!
Check out and read or listen to ebooks and audiobooks
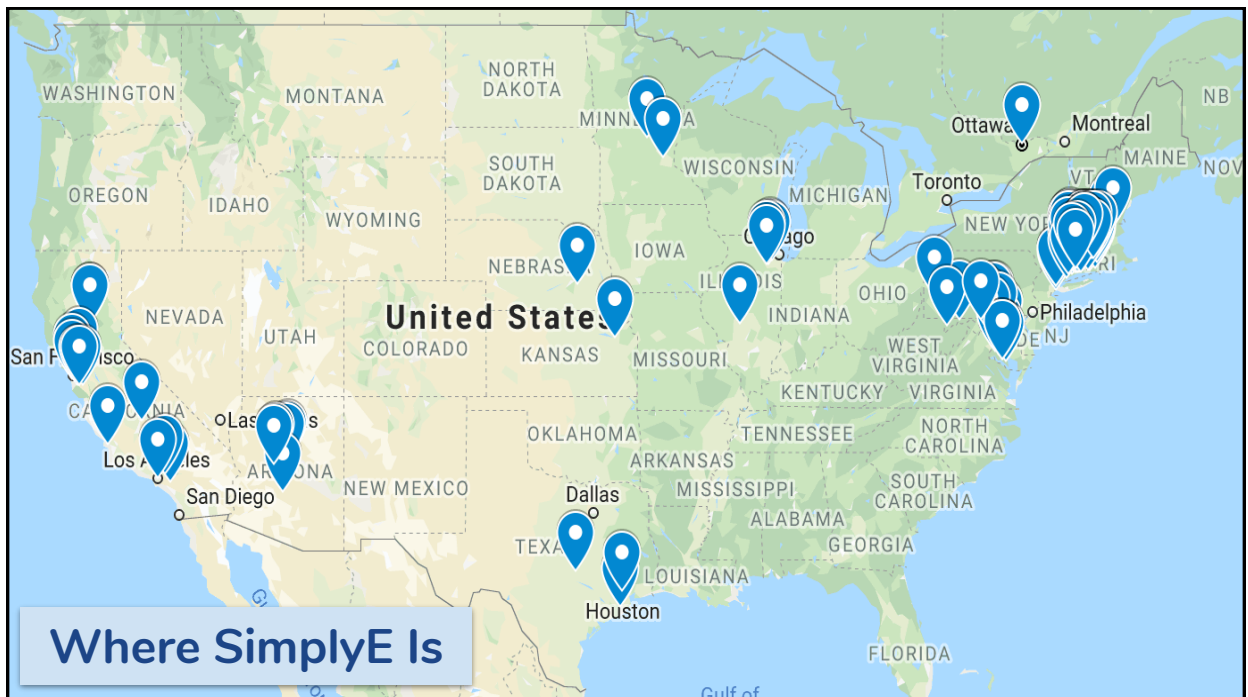from Cloud Library, Odilo and RBDigital
in just three steps!

Introducing
Simply E

http://bit.ly/simplye_video

Current & Future
Christine

Currently . . .

- **Libraries testing; some implementation**
- **Active development**
- **Hosting available through Amigos & Lyrasis**
- **Web-based SimplyE underway**
- **DPLA Exchange**

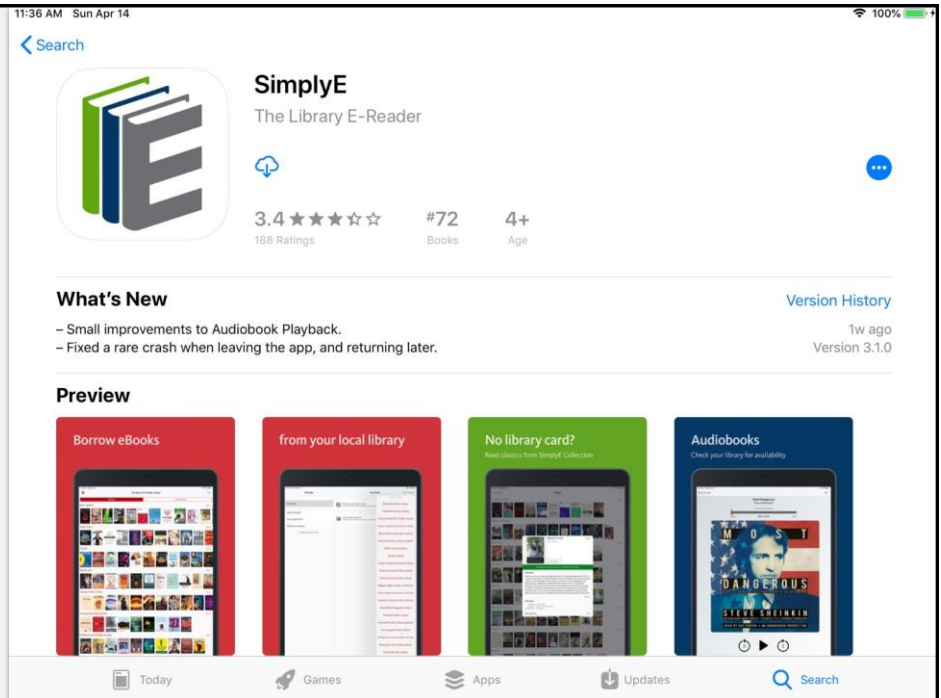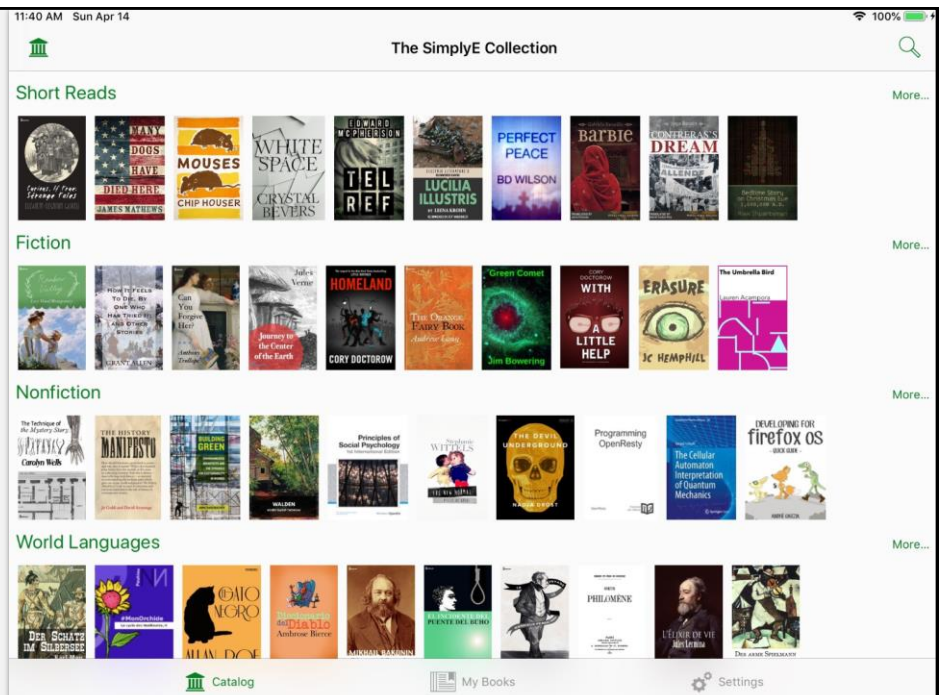**Where SimplyE Is**

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Future . . .

- OverDrive audiobooks
- PDF support
- Academic patrons
- Geolocation
- Hoopla
- Patron & library instructions/documentation
- Upload locally-created materials
- More content providers

Try It Yourself

SimplyE Collection

Questions

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